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INOTA POWER PLANT MAKES TEST RUN;
BEGIN STRIP MINING OF TATABANYA COAL

PLANT'S FIRST UNIT TESTED -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 9 Nov 51

The first unit of the Inota Power Plant made a preliminary test run on 6 November. The steam turbine is fired by powdered coal, which is fed by means of an endless belt system. The generator was run at velocities up to 3,000 revolutions per minute.

Several parts were completed ahead of schedule, including the turbine stator. A pipeline leads to the plant from Inota. Czechoslovak, as well as Hungarian workers, took part in constructing the plant.

The plant director is Janos Buda.

MINING DONE BY MACHINERY -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 7 Nov 51

Strip mining of coal was begun on 5 November at the Tatabanya Upper Mines. The coal layer lies 3-6 meters beneath the surface and is 2-5 meters deep. All work at the mine site is performed with machinery. Caterpillar-mounted drag lines of one-cubic-meter capacity, operated by one man, can load 100 railroad cars each, per day. Similar production in an underground shaft requires at least 200 workers. Production costs of the strip mine are 50-60 percent of shaft mining costs.

Daily production of the strip mine is 500-600 tons, and is expected to reach 1,000 tons by the end of the month.

The drag-line operators and the workers who tip the hoppers to unload were especially commended for working throughout inclement weather to meet production goals. White-collar workers were also commended.

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